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1. Four thousand two hundred Yugoslav Jews sailed from Fiume to Israel under the auspices of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Israeli Government during December 1948. The emigrants were mainly middle-class elements, with no real role in the "new Yugoslavia".
2. The Joint Distribution Committee is now encountering serious difficulties in removing Jews from other "Iron Curtain" countries. It is felt in some quarters that the Yugoslav Government has permitted this emigration, because it was unable to rally these elements around a "national" resurgence and because of the considerable number of Jewish defectors from the Yugoslav trade agencies and missions abroad.
3. Three thousand additional Yugoslav Jews are expected to be evacuated in Israeli ships from Yugoslav ports within the next three months.
4. A certain Trachtenberg, who was born in Rumania, is the Israeli representative assigned to Eastern Europe for expediting the removal of Jews to Israel. He travels frequently throughout the satellite countries and reports regularly to the Israeli representative (unidentified) in Prague.

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